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SUBJECT: IZMIR POLICE CHIEF REMOVED

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1. BEKIR KUTLUAY, IZMIR DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE AND SINCE JUNE 1975 ACTING CHIEF, HAS BEEN REMOVED AND "PROMOTED" WITHOUT ASSIGNMENT TO SENIOR INSPECTOR. (JUNIOR OF FOUR IZMIR ASSISTANT CHIEFS OF POLICE, MEHMET YALCIN, NAMED ACTING POLICE CHIEF.) PRESS ATTRIBUTES REMOVAL TO MINISTER OF INTERIOR'S BELIEF THAT KUTLUAY HAD BEEN LENIENT WITH STUDENT ACTIVISTS. ACCORDING TO PRESS, MINISTER OF INTERIOR ORDERED KUTLUAY'S RELIEF OVER

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OBJECTIONS OF NATIONAL TNP DIRECTOR, WHO REPORTEDLY REFUSED SIGN THE PERSONNEL ACTION.

2. UNDER KUTLUAY'S COMMAND, LOCAL POLICE PROMPTLY AND EFFECTIVELY DEPLOYED DURING DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER EVENTS WITH POTENTIAL FOR PUBLIC DISORDER, BUT EXERCISED RESTRAINT IN DEALING WITH DEMONSTRATORS (REFTEL). THIS POLICE DISCIPLINE DOUBTLESS IMPORTANT FACTOR IN LOW LEVEL OF INCIDENTS OCCURING DURING STUDENT AND PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN PERIOD OF RISING ANTI-NATIONAL FRONT GOVERNMENT FEELING AND STUDENT ACTIVISM.

3. ON OTHER HAND, LEFTIST STUDENTS SUCCEEDED IN PREVENTING EXAMINATIONS AT LOCAL UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES LAST WEEK, AND WHILE

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POLICE PREVENTED PHYSICAL VIOLENCE (ARRESTING 70 REPORTEDLY

LEFTIST STUDENT LEADERS OF THE EXAM BOYCOTT), EXAMS WERE FURTHER POSTPONED. CONTINUATION OF SUCH LEFTIST-INSPIRED ACTIVISM MAY HAVE BEEN REGARDED AT ANKARA AS DUE TO INSUFFICIENT POLICE ENFORCEMENT.

4. THAT ISSUE OF VIGOR OF ENFORCEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED PERHAPS INDICATED BY FACT THAT FIRST ACT OF NEW ACTING POLICE CHIEF WAS TO ORDER RAID ON HEADQUARTERS OF SEVERAL RIGHTIST AND LEFTIST YOUTH HEADQUARTERS. ACCORDING PRESS, AT ULKUCU ISCILER

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DERNEGI HQS. (NAP-ASSOCIATED WORKERS ORGANIZATION) POLICE FOUND TWO PISTOLS BELONGING TO TWO TARIS LABORERS. (THIS SEIZURE AND THE FACT THAT MINISTER OF INTERIOR IS NSP HAVE PROVOKED SPECULATION THAT NSP LEADERSHIP IS SEEKING CRACKDOWN ON NAP-AFFILIATED COMMANDOS AND THAT YALCIN MAY BE NSP-SPONSORED.)
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